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State Legislators Respond to Controversial Article Regarding Lake Maurepas

Kim Coates
State Rep.
District 73

Shane Mack
State Rep.
District 95

Nicky Muscarello
State Rep.
District 86

Dr. Bill Wheat
State Senator
District 37

Tangi Times Report

Reference content from LA Illuminator

Last week, an article was published in the LA Illuminator, reporting that a scientist who exposed toxic levels of heavy metals in Lake Maurepas was sidelined by her employer, Southeastern Louisiana University, who is also responsible for monitoring detrimental effects of the controversial Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) project being conducted by Air Products.

As stated in the article, *The Southeastern Louisiana University scientist who discovered alarming levels of toxic chemicals in Lake Maurepas was abruptly removed from her research position this week without explanation.*

Fereshteh Emami, an analytical chemistry professor who served as a principal investigator on the Air Products Lake Maurepas Monitoring Project, was officially removed from the project Thursday but is still employed by the university. SELU's chemistry department has moved Emami into a full-time teaching role and will not allow her to continue the research she has been doing for the past three years, she said.

Emami said she received a vague email Monday from Kyle Piller, a biology professor and director of the Lake Maurepas research effort, saying he "terminated" her from the project. He did not include any explanation for the decision and gave a similarly vague response Wednesday when she asked why, according to emails Emami shared with the Illuminator.

"Your continued involvement is no longer in the best interest of the Air Products Lake Maurepas Monitoring Project," Piller's email stated.

The article has been shared by many other news outlets and has generated considerable unrest in our community.

The Air Products CCS project is one of the most protested issues in our region in recent years, with almost zero percent support from residents of Tangipahoa, Livingston, and St. Helena Parishes. Fears that the Lake Maurepas ecosystem will be irretrievably destroyed, impacting the lifestyles and livelihoods of thousands of locals, as well as visitors, are not only rampant, but also quite valid.

Four state legislators from our region – State Senator Bill

See LAKE REPORT on Page 2

Jigsaw Joy Is Surprisingly Smart

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

If your brain feels a bit like an old computer buffering endlessly while you stare at your phone for the third hour in a row, maybe it's time to ditch the screen and pick up a jigsaw puzzle instead. Believe it or not, those colorful cardboard pieces your grandma used to scatter across the dining table are more than just rainy-day boredom busters – they're a brain-boosting, stress-busting, creativity-sparking hobby for just about anyone, at any age.

Let's start with what's happening upstairs while you're hunting for that elusive edge piece. Working a jigsaw puzzle gives your brain a double workout, firing up both the logical left hemisphere (that loves order and patterns) and the creative right hemisphere (that loves color and big-picture thinking).

In other words, every piece you snap into place is like a

mini push-up for your neurons.

Regular puzzling can improve memory, boost problem-solving skills, and even help keep your mind sharp as you age. Some researchers even say it may help delay cognitive decline. Who knew that grandma was onto something all along?

But the perks don't stop with brainpower. Puzzling is a sneaky way to practice patience, mindfulness, and the lost art of just sitting still.

Unlike scrolling through social media or binge-watching true crime documentaries, puzzles give your eyes a break from screens and your mind a break from doomscrolling. Best of all, puzzles are flexible friends. They're perfect for solo quiet time – just you, a cup of tea, and 1,000 little cardboard mysteries.

Or they can turn into a surprisingly fun social event. Gather a few friends or family members, clear off the kitchen table, and suddenly you've got a group activity that doesn't involve awkward small talk or competitive board game rage.

Local libraries, community centers, and online groups often host puzzle exchanges, so you can trade your finished masterpiece for a fresh challenge without spending another dime.

So next time you're tempted to veg out in front of the TV, consider cracking open a box of jigsaw pieces instead. Your brain – and probably your mood – will thank you for it.

Today is National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!

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Just Saying

MEME MOJO

Friend's post on Facebook: Love is dead and never existed. You have betrayed me, and you are the definition of dread.
Me, replying: Are you okay?? What happened?
Friend: My cat stole my garlic bread.

PALINDROME du jour

A nut for a jar of tuna

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward as it does forward. If you have a favorite palindrome, send it to publisher@tangitimes.com.

LAKE REPORT

Continued from Page 1

Wheat, State Representative Kim Coates, State Representative Nicky Muscarello, and State Representative Shane Mack – have collectively reached out to Southeastern for comments on the Illuminator article and details of the dismissal of Fereshteh Emami from the monitoring project. Following a response from Southeastern, the four officials released the below statement:

>>Dear constituents,

We are aware of the article published by the Louisiana illuminator on July 31, 2025, titled Southeastern Sidelines Scientist after Letter Opposing Carbon Project Surfaces, and we understand it has raised questions and concerns within our communities. As your elected officials, we remain committed to transparency and to protecting public trust in environmental research.

Following the article's publication, we engaged directly with leadership at Southeastern Louisiana University to discuss the broader issues it raised. We emphasized the importance of public confidence in scientific integrity and environmental monitoring, especially regarding Lake Maurepas and its surrounding ecosystems.

We are encouraged to report the university reaffirm its commitment to continuing lake research and testing. University leadership also confirmed they are in the process of hiring additional staff to strengthen and expand these efforts. These actions reflect A continued investment in science-based stewardship of our natural resources.

We will continue to monitor developments and advocate for transparency, accountability, and the protection of the places that matter most to our constituents. Thank you for your continued engagement and support.<<

The letter was signed by all four officials.

As expected, some criticism of the letter has emerged. It is imperative to note that the four state legislators who endorsed the letter are among the most vehement opponents of the CCS project and have stood staunchly in opposition to it since its inception.

Stay tuned to the Tangi Times for updates on this developing story.

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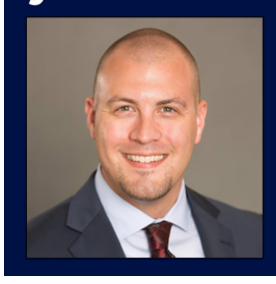
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As we are exceptional in our industry, personal character and work ethic are more valuable to us than work experience.

If you excel in the qualities listed above, please send a résumé and cover letter to hr@tangitimes.com. In your letter, please tell us about your skills that make you a strong candidate for this role. Submissions without a cover letter will not be considered.

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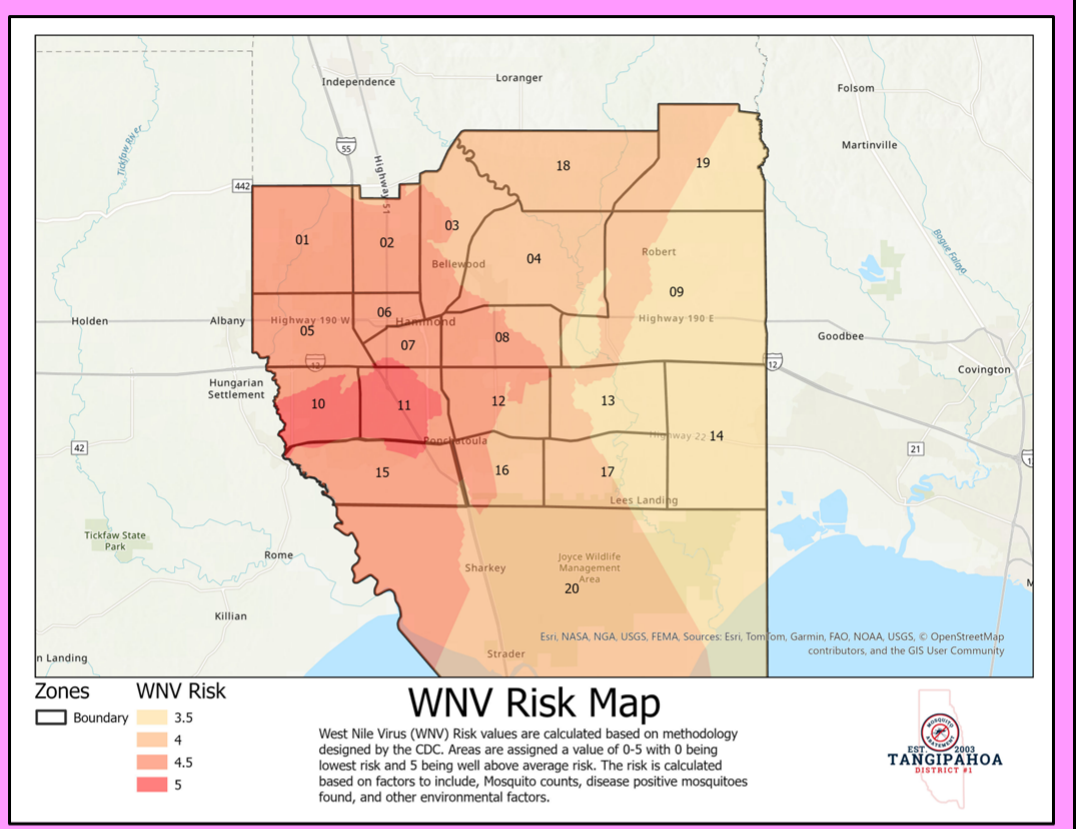
West Nile Virus Detected in 28 Samples Last Week



Environmental factors are playing a pivotal role in the increased mosquito population that you may be seeing. Of the 883 samples tested thus far in 2025, 18 have returned positive for WNV.
Environmental factors can play an important role in the transmission of West Nile Virus. Rainfall can create an optimal habitat for mosquitoes, including those that transmit WNV. Additionally, rising temperatures can speed up larval hatch-offs, allowing mosquito numbers to multiply quickly.
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For more information about West Nile Virus, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/about/index.html

TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

As the new school year approaches, Tangi Schools announced key dates for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grades 1–12. Parent orientation schedules for Pre-K and Kindergarten will be issued on August 11, with sessions held by appointment. Pre-K and Kindergarten girls will start school on August 14–15, boys on August 18–19, and all students will report together starting August 20. Meanwhile, students in Grades 1–12 will return on Friday, August 8. Families are encouraged to download the district's Academic Calendar and A/B High School Calendar for important dates, holidays, and grading periods.

Devonda Whittington-Warren of Explore and Learn Early Learning Center in Tangipahoa Parish has been named the 2026 Louisiana Early Childhood Leader of the Year. With more than 30 years of experience and over a decade in leadership, Warren is recognized for her unwavering commitment to early education and her belief in its power to shape lifelong success. State leaders praised her for driving positive change and strengthening Louisiana's early childhood system through her vision and dedication.

Downtown Hammond's beloved end-of-summer celebration, the Hot August Stroll, is set to return Saturday, August 23, bringing an evening of art, music, wine, and community spirit to the heart of the city. Local businesses are invited to participate in the popular Wine & Cheese Stroll or host special events in their storefronts, while artists, vendors, and food trucks can showcase their creations to hundreds of attendees. The Listening Local Stage will once again spotlight live music from local performers, with sound provided and paid gigs available. Volunteers are also needed to help make the event a success, with opportunities to earn service hours or gain experience. The deadline to apply for all roles is Friday, August 1, and more information is available at www.downtownhammondla.com/hotaugust.

Woman's Hospital mobile mammography coach brings lifesaving breast imaging across the state. The coach makes mammograms more accessible than ever, offering advanced 3D mammogram technology at convenient times and locations. A physician's order is required, and appointments are strongly encouraged. The Coach will be available in our area on these dates:

Wednesday, August 6

LIVINGSTON PARISH - Sage Rehabilitation Hospital, 8375 Florida Blvd. Denham Springs; Call 225-924-8268 to schedule.

Thursday, August 7

ST. HELENA PARISH - St. Helena Parish Hospital, 16874 La Hwy. 43, Greensburg; Call 225-222-6111 to schedule.

OPTIONS is thrilled to host the 8th Annual Ballin' 4 OPTIONS Charity Basketball Game presented by Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust on Saturday, September 20, from 1:00pm—3:00pm at PARD Gymnasium. We invite you to support our 2 teams of OPTIONS participants, the Orange Rockets and the Purple Knights, along with their coaches, cheerleaders, and pep squad, as the Purple Knights compete to defend their title of Ballin' 4 OPTIONS Champions.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the OPTIONS Enrichment and Transportation programs, providing over 100 people with disabilities access to recreation and community activities. These programs promote healthier lifestyles, self-esteem, and community involvement.

We need all hands on deck for Ballin' 4 OPTIONS events! Volunteer with us on September 20 for the Ballin' 4 OPTIONS Charity Basketball Game or the Champions Party on September 25! We need volunteers for set-up, concessions, admissions, and event activities. Be part of the excitement on game day! Can't make it on game day? Celebrate with the players at the Champions Party!

OPTIONS is proud to announce a brand-new Internship Program with North Oaks Health System! This opportunity gives OPTIONS participants a hands-on employment experience in the healthcare setting — building skills, gaining confidence, and exploring different career paths in a supportive environment.

A huge THANK YOU to North Oaks for believing in inclusive employment and creating meaningful opportunities for people with disabilities. Stay tuned as we follow along with the interns' journeys!

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A court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FAIR PLAN CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against **Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation** a/k/a **Louisiana Citizens Fair Plan** ("Louisiana Citizens").

This notice concerns all current and former insureds who, on or after **August 29, 2005** submitted a claim for damages from **Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita** and did not have their loss adjustment initiated within thirty (30) days after notification.

FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CLAIM

You may be a **Settlement Class Member** if:
- You had Louisiana Citizens Fair Plan Insurance on or after **August 29, 2005**;
- You reported a loss due to **Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita**; and
- More than **30 days passed** between the date you reported your loss and when Louisiana Citizens either:
  - Scheduled an appointment with you to inspect your damage, or
  - An adjuster inspected the property without an appointment.

If you meet these criteria, you are eligible to submit a claim under the settlement.

SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

Eligible claimants may receive a **payment of $4,500.00 per valid claim**. To qualify, you must submit a **properly completed CLAIM FORM** before the **DEADLINE** of **August 29, 2025**.

FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A CLAIM

To be considered for payment under the settlement:
- You must complete and sign a valid **claim form**; and
- It must be **postmarked by AUGUST 29, 2025**, and mailed to the **Court-Appointed Class Counsel**.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A VALID CLAIM BEFORE THE DEADLINE means your claim will be dismissed **with prejudice**, meaning you cannot pursue it in the future, and **you will not receive any compensation**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN A CLAIM FORM.
Contact Beevers & Beevers, LLP, Court Appointed Class Counsel, at **(504) 361-4287**
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Publish: July 28, August 4, 11 ,13.
Cost of notice: $ 6.80

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 AT

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S/DONNA DOMIANO,
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Cost of notice:$ 17.50

St. Helena Parish Fire District #4
Board of Commissioners
Minutes, July 28, 2025

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Meeting Room of the St. Helena Fire

District #4, located at Highway 37, Greensburg, LA on Monday, July 28,2025 @ 6 p.m.

The invocation was led by Carmen Overton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Katrena Higginbotham - with Sheila Kinchen, Carmen Overton, Katrena Higginbotham, Kitty Newell, Diane Washington, and Bradley Graves. Eric Washington and Ronld Carlin were absent.

Discussion was held regarding the resignation of Eric Washington as President. Chief Bradley Graves will reach out to Mr. Washington to obtain the letter of resignation.

A motion was made by Diane Washington seconded by Sheila Kinchen to name Carmen Overton as President.

A motion was made by Carmen Overton, seconded by Diane Washington to nominate Sheila Kinchen as Vice President.

A motion was made by Carmen Overton, seconded by Sheila Kinchen to approve minutes from June 16, 2025 with any, and all corrections. 3 yays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstained

A motion was made by Carmen Overton to approve the financial statement from the CPA Kitty Newel with the amended budget and the 2024 audit with an ending balance of $44,863 for July. 3 yays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstained.

An update was given on the status of the insurance for trucks and buildings.

A discussion was held regarding EMS there will be an open floor discussion at the special that will be held on 08/04/2025 @6:00 pm

A motion was made by Carmen, seconded by Sheila Kinchen to adjourn the meeting.

Katrena Higginbotham
Secretary

Publish : August 4
Cost of notice:$ 18.90

St. Helena Parish Fire District #4
Board of Commissioners
Minutes, June 16, 2025

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Meeting Room of the St. Helena Fire District #4, located at Highway 37, Greensburg, LA on Monday, June 16, 2025 @ 6 p.m.

The invocation was led by Bradley Graves, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call performed with Sheila Kinchen, Eric Washington, Carmen Overton, Dianne

Washington, Kitty Newell, Ronald Carlin, Brad Graves, and Katrena Higginbotham present.

Discussion was held regarding the quote on Insurance and that quotes are good till

08/05/2025 2 quotes presented.

A motion was made by Carmen Overton, seconded by Eric Washington to approve meeting

minutes from 05/19/2025 and unanimously approved by the members.

A motion was made by Eric Washington, seconded by Sheila Kinchen to approve Financial

Statements, and unanimously approved by the members

A motion was made by Carmen Overton, seconded by Dianne Washington truck # 296 &

366 and strap trucks. 4 yays Dianne Washington, Carmen Overton, Ronald Carlin, Sheila

Kinchen and 1 nay Eric Washington motion carried.

A discussion was held about the status of the department with no action to be taken. Calls

to date are 538

Next meeting date was set for July 28, 2025@6:00pm

A motion was made by Carmen Overton, seconded by Sheila Kinchen to adjourn the

meeting.

Katrena Higginbotham
Secretary/treasurer

Publish : August 4
Cost of notice:$ 17.85

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at the regular meeting place, Amite City Hall, Amite, Louisiana.

The Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana met on the above date in regular session and was called to order by the President, Mrs. Lori B. Petitto, at 4:30 p.m. o'clock with the following members present:

Present: Lori B. Petitto, Lafete Tucker, Kyle Warren, James C. Ricks, Lionel Sutton

Absent: None

The president called on Mr. Lafete Tucker to voice the invocation and the pledge.

The roll call showed a quorum to be present. Whereupon a motion was made by Mr. Warren duly seconded by Mr. Tucker and unanimously carried that the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting, dated June 30, 2025, be dispensed with and that they be adopted as of record and published in the official journal.

The secretary presented bills in the amount of $18,621.16 for canal maintenance, material, supplies, contract labor, printing, etc. Whereupon a motion was made by Mr. Warren duly seconded by Mr. Tucker and unanimously carried that the payment of the bills be authorized and approved.

The financial report on the general condition of the district was given and a motion was made by Mr. Tucker duly seconded by Mr. Ricks and unanimously carried that the report of the treasurer be approved and accepted.

Mrs. Lori Petitto presented the new map that was printed for the board by Mr. Kiley Bates. The board reviewed the map and will show the contract labor crew all the areas of the district that we maintain. Accountability of the contract labor crew was discussed, and a possible special meeting will be called to discuss protocol.

A general discussion was held concerning job requests that are not Gravity Drainage District No.4's responsibility and will therefore be further directed to the proper entities.

No further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Ricks duly seconded by Mr. Warren and unanimously carried, the board adjourned.

Lori B. Petitto, President
Attest:
Mary Lynn Thompson, Secretary

Publish : August 4
Cost of notice:$ 26.25

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TOM TOLAR
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 12 , 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

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Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

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- Valid Type A or Level 3 Louisiana Teaching Certificate with certification as Principal; OR
- Educational Leader Level 1 or Level 2; OR
- Educational Leader Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education; OR
- Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR
- Out of State (OSP1 or OSP2) Principal Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

A rubric will be used to evaluate your application, so please be sure to submit all required information.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **August 12, 2025,** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: Please be advised that all applicants who apply for this position should check their email account daily, **including their SPAM folder**, for communications regarding this advertisement.

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TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
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DATE: July 17, 2025

TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Melissa M. Stilley, Superintendent

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is excited to announce the continuation of the USDA Child Nutrition Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school year. As a result, parents/guardians will no longer need to complete a meal benefits application for their child(ren). To participate in this program, the only requirement is that the student(s) must be enrolled in one of the following Tangipahoa Parish public schools:

Amite Elementary Magnet	Independence Leadership Academy	Lucille Nesom Memorial
Amite High Magnet	Independence High Magnet	O.W. Dillon Leadership Academy
Amite Westside Middle Magnet	Jewel M. Sumner High	Perrin Early Learning Center
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Chesbrough Elementary	Kentwood High Magnet	Ponchatoula Jr. High
D. C. Reeves Elementary	Loranger Elementary	Roseland Montessori
Greenville Park Leadership Academy	Loranger High	Southeastern Laboratory
Hammond Eastside Elementary Magnet	Loranger Middle	Spring Creek Elementary
Hammond Eastside Middle Magnet	Martha Vinyard Elementary	Tangipahoa Alternative Solutions Program
Hammond High Magnet	Midway Elementary	Tucker Elementary
Hammond Westside Montessori	Natalbany Middle	Woodland Park Magnet

All students at these schools are eligible to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no charge. However, students will still be responsible for paying for second meals and extra sales items, which are not included in the program. No additional action is required from parents/guardians. For more information or updates, please visit the district website.

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POSITION: Curriculum Support Teacher (9 Months)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Jewel M Sumner Middle School
Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA:

- Must hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate in the assigned teaching field as issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and as required by Bulletin 746: *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*
- A Master's degree issued by an accredited college or university
- Preference will be given to individuals who hold certification in English Language Arts or Social Studies

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This position is partially federally funded (50%) and any future academic year renewal is based on the allotment of federal funds.

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POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY – 2 POSITIONS (9 months / 10 Months)

SALARY: $21,757 - $30,431 / $24,714 - $33,812 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet - Lower
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:

- High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
- Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
- A Bachelors' degree or higher will be accepted in lieu of the above requirements.
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The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: CAFETERIA MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 ½ Months)

SALARY: $32,325 - $46,239 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Champ Cooper Elementary
Ponchatoula, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:

- High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience in the Child Nutrition Program with one year serving as a Production Manager;
- Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

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The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Early Intervention Special Education Teacher (9 Months)
Age 3 and Prek-12th Grade

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Private and Parochial Schools of Tangipahoa Parish

CRITERIA:

- Must hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with Special Education endorsement as issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and as required by Bulletin 746: *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.*
- A Bachelor's OR Master's degree issued by an accredited college or university.

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: MAGNET SCHOOL SPECIALIST (9 Month)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet-Lower
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA:

- Must have a valid Louisiana teaching certificate as per the minimum requirements set forth in Bulletin 746: Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.
- Experience working with IB Schools preferred.

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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DEADLINE: AUGUST 9, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: TALENTED THEATER TEACHER (2 Positions) (9 Month)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: TBA

CRITERIA: Must hold a valid Louisiana Ancillary Teaching Certificate in Talented Theater or Artist – Drama

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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1st week of August

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, if you long to take your romantic relationship to the next level, this might be the week to focus on your feelings. Your partner may be waiting for you to make a move.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Tranquility you have been feeling of late enables you to listen more attentively to your inner self, Taurus. Take advantage of slow times to evaluate events and make important decisions.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
You can look forward to an enjoyable week, Gemini. Career issues or family matters are nothing to worry about right now, as everything seems to be moving along smoothly.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
This week you may find satisfaction that will put a smile on your face and boost morale. You also may find yourself embracing some of the core values that have been a part of your life.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, others may have been asking questions of you since you've uncharacteristically been out of the limelight. Reveal what you want to share. Even you are allowed your secrets.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You have a tendency to avoid conflict instead of facing things head on, Virgo. If you've been circumventing something that needs attention, it is time to see it through.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you feel that your power has increased, it may be time to take on some more responsibility right now. Embrace your new role and remain confident in your ability to handle it.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, right now you are going through a period where circumstances are trying to shed light on your hidden motivations. But you're not ready to show everyone your cards just yet.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your ego may take a hit this week, but you'll need to roll with the punches. You are finally understanding that simply willing something to happen won't always work.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Your actions lately have been going against your nature to want to please others, Capricorn. It will be difficult for you to get back on target, but not impossible.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
It is becoming evident that you might need to bring in a little extra help on a situation that has been brewing for some time, Aquarius. Figure out who you can trust and go from there.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Your powers of concentration and self-discipline are impressive, Pisces. There are lessons that others can learn about these admirable traits if you're willing to share.

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The Adorable Stinky Skunk

Whether you love them or hate them, we can all agree on one thing: they're absolutely adorable, especially baby skunks, called kits or kittens, and the grunting noises they make.

Skunks have a bad reputation for one simple reason: when they spray a pet or a person, the smell seems almost impossible to get out. However, this shouldn't be a reason to dislike them.

Skunks will only spray as a last resort, preferring to use other methods to scare off potential predators first, like stomping their front feet, raising their tail straight up in the air, hissing/ chattering, and maybe even doing a "bluff charge" – running forward and backwards a few times. If none of this works, they will turn around, aim for the eyes, and unleash a foul-smelling oily liquid from their anal glands, which can travel up to ten feet.

The reason they aim for the eyes is because they want to stop a predator with just one shot. Their glands can only hold five or six shots, and it then takes around ten days for them to replenish it, leaving them defenseless during that time.

What is the best way to get skunk spray off? Despite the popular opinion of using tomato juice to get the smell off, this doesn't really work. I've been fortunate to never have been sprayed by a skunk, so I can't confirm if any other home remedy is effective, either.

Skunks typically live in dens, under porches, crawl spaces, or anywhere they can dig. They're fairly docile and are ground dwellers.

Omnivores by nature, their diet consists of insects, plants, fallen fruit, mice, reptiles, wasps, and other pesky critters we may not want in our gardens. We may not even be aware of a skunk family living near us, because they're strictly nocturnal, meaning they mainly come out at night.

A common reason skunks sometimes need help from good Samaritans or wildlife officials is getting their heads stuck in jars and cans they may find while digging through our trash. I teach kids in my wildlife education presentations to completely cut the tops or lids off of cans we open with a can opener. A lot of people leave the lid attached, and when a hungry critter pushes it in to try and lick or grab any food remaining in the can, when they go to pull their heads, tongues, or paws out, that top can trap them and cause severe injury or even amputation.

Some people still may not want a skunk near their home. When a mama skunk is trapped while foraging for food, some people either kill or relocate her, leaving the kits orphaned. If not rescued soon or reunited with her, an entire generation could end up dying.

Trapping and relocating isn't a suitable solution because other skunks will just move into the area. There are safe deterrents if it's absolutely necessary, but this should be discussed with a wildlife official who will guide and advise on how to properly repel skunks without causing any harm to them.

So please be mindful of this, as they really cause no harm and are not aggressive. It's possible to peacefully coexist with these amazing little creatures.

As more and more of their habitats are being destroyed for economic development, the animals we share our beautiful planet with are running out of places they can call home. As always, contact a wildlife rehabilitator when an injured or orphaned skunk, or any other critter, is found.

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